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TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S. NOISE LABELING REGULATIONS

1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) PUBLISHED PROPOSED NOISE LABELING REGULATIONS IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF JUNE 22, 1977. THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS, WHICH WERE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE NOISE CONTROL ACT OF 1972, WOULD REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS OR IMPORTERS TO LABEL A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS ACCORDING TO THEIR NOISE PRODUCING OR REDUCING CHARACTERISTICS.

2. THE FIRST CLASS OF PRODUCTS WHICH EPA HAS PROPOSED FOR LABELING IS HEARING PROTECTORS. (EPA HAS NOT SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED ANY PRODUCT GROUP OTHER THAN HEARING PROTECTORS FOR LABELING, BUT HAS A NUMBER OF PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER REVIEW.) INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY  
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OF NOISE PRODUCING PRODUCTS WHICH MAY BE LABELED ARE HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES SUCH AS VACUUM CLEANERS AND AUTOMATIC DISHWASHERS; SHOP TOOLS; POWERED GARDEN EQUIPMENT; CHAINSAWS; AND AIR CONDITIONERS. POSSIBLE CANDIDATES INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY OF PRODUCTS WHICH REDUCE NOISE ARE ACOUSTICAL TILE, AND MUFFLERS USED ON INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES.

3. COMMENTS OR REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD

BE SUBMITTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20, 1977 TO: DIRECTOR,  
STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS DIVISION, OFFICE OF NOISE  
ABATEMENT AND CONTROL (AW471), U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PRO-  
TECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460, ATTENTION DOCKET  
NO. ONAC 77-5 (NOISE, GENERAL LABELING) OR ONAC 77-8  
(HEARING PROTECTOR LABELING).

4. EPA WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED  
REGULATIONS IN WASHINGTON D.C., ON SEPTEMBER 16 FROM  
10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE CAPITAL HILTON, 16TH  
AND K STREETS, AND IN SAN FRANCISCO ON SEPTEMBER 22 FROM  
1:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. AT THE SAN FRANCISCO HILTON ON  
MASON STREET. A HEARING WILL ALSO BE HELD IN CEDAR  
RAPIDS, IOWA, BUT THE DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. A NOTICE  
OF INTENT TO TESTIFY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS DIVISION BY SEPT. 1.

5. COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT TO THE U.S. NOISE PRODUCING  
OR NOISE REDUCING GOODS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO  
FOCUS ON THESE REGULATIONS WHILE THEY ARE BEING  
DEVELOPED

6. EPA IS CONSIDERING EXTENDING COMMENT PERIOD. POSTS  
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WILL BE ADVISED OF CHANGES.

7. A COPY OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE IS BEING SENT  
TO ADDRESSEE POSTS VIA AIRGRAM. VANCE

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